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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/I Planning Officer**SUBJECT: Comparison of Fifteen Year Plan and
FY 1967 Budget Submission as Amended**

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1. The OBI Fifteen Year Plan for FY 1967 called for a total of [REDACTED] cited by you as the FY67 budget allocation. The personnel total in the Fifteen Year Plan was [REDACTED] as compared to [REDACTED] cited by you as representing FY67 allocation.

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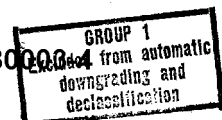
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2. This reduction would be made as follows:

- a) Reduction of contractual and printing services for the production of Gazetteers.....
- b) Reduction of personal and contractual services associated with the NIS Program.....
- c) There would be no increase in OBI personnel strength.

3. To effect a reduction of the indicated magnitude in the Gazetteer Program would mean the dropping from production of eight gazetteers on priority areas representing 123,000 place names or 50% of planned production. Curtailment of the Program to this extent would mean a drastic reduction of a community-wide service required by Public Law and encompassing not only the production of Gazetteers but also ad hoc world-wide place name editing of maps and manuscripts. This reduction would also cause the irretrievable loss of the professional expertise associated with the elimination of about 30 positions in the producing area, Department of the Interior.

4. To reduce the non-USIB production of NIS units would mean the curtailment of coverage on trade and finance, agriculture, fisheries and forestry, welfare, minerals and metals, religion, education and public information, manufacturing and construction, manpower, population, and fuels and power. A Program reduction of this magnitude would have a serious impact on the intelligence community and would require USIB approval. The topics selected for curtailment are of lower priority in the NIS Program but are, nevertheless, responsive to specific needs of the community for detailed basic intelligence.

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5. Further restriction on OBI personnel strength would have an adverse effect on the high priority map collation project on Communist China as well as geographic support for operations. It would also mean the curtailment of cartographic services for which there is an increasing demand.

**Special Assistant
Director of Basic Intelligence**

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